

State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Jeanne Shaheen, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2001-3
An order establishing the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

WHEREAS, the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, Public Law 106-402, (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") promotes the inclusion, integration, productivity, independence and self determination of people with developmental disabilities in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides funding for advocacy, systems change, capacity building and education of policymakers and communities; and

WHEREAS, a prerequisite to receiving federal funds under the Act is the recognition of a State Council on Developmental Disabilities appointed by the Governor and acting independent of but in collaboration with state and private agencies serving people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities is to have certain responsibilities in the development of a state plan and the administration of funds awarded through the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that State Council on Developmental Disabilities members be appointed by the Governor and that at least 60 percent of its members must be consumer representatives as defined by the Act; and

WHEREAS, Part 2, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution authorizes the Governor to create agencies for the purpose of receiving federal funds and implementing federal grants-in-aid programs; and

WHEREAS, in pursuance thereof, I have created the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and made appointments thereto;

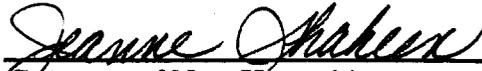
NOW THEREFORE, I JEANNE SHAHEEN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part 2, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order that:

1. There is established within the State of New Hampshire a State Council on Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter referred to as the "Council").
2. The Council shall have the powers and responsibilities provided to the Council under the Act, including, but not be limited to:
 - a. implementing a state plan and system of activities that are funded under the Act, including supporting advocacy, systemic change and capacity building activities in conjunction with consumer, state and non-state entities;
 - b. supporting and conducting outreach activities to identify individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who otherwise might not come to the attention of the Council and assist and enable the individuals and families to obtain services,

- individualized supports, and other forms of assistance, including access to special adaptation of generic community services or specialized services;
- c. supporting and conducting training for persons who are individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and personnel (including professionals, paraprofessionals, students, volunteers, and other community members) to enable such persons to obtain access to, or to provide, community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance, including special adaptation of generic community services or specialized services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
 - d. supporting and conducting technical assistance activities to assist public and private entities to contribute to the achievement of the purpose of the Act;
 - e. supporting and conducting activities to assist neighborhoods and communities to respond positively to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by encouraging local networks to provide informal and formal supports; through education; and by enabling neighborhoods and communities to offer such individuals and their families access to and use of services, resources, and opportunities;
 - f. supporting and conducting activities to promote interagency collaboration and coordination to better serve, support, assist, or advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families;
 - g. supporting and conducting activities to enhance coordination of services with
 - (i) other councils, entities, or committees, authorized by Federal or State law, concerning individuals with disabilities, such as the State interagency coordinating council established under subtitle C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.), the State Rehabilitation Council and the Statewide Independent Living Council established under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), the State mental health planning council established under subtitle B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-1 et seq.), and entities carrying out the activities authorized under section 101 or 102 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 3011, 3012), and other similar councils, entities, or committees;
 - (ii) parent training and information centers under part D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) and other entities carrying out federally funded projects that assist parents of children with disabilities; and
 - (iii) other groups interested in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities to benefit individuals with disabilities;
 - h. supporting and conducting activities to eliminate barriers to access and use of community services by individuals with developmental disabilities, enhance systems design and redesign, and enhance citizen participation to address issues identified in the State plan; supporting and conducting activities to educate the public about the capabilities, preferences, and needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and to develop and support coalitions that support the policy agenda of the Council, including training in self-advocacy, education of policymakers, and citizen leadership skills;
 - j. supporting and conducting activities to provide information to federal, state and local policy-makers by supporting and conducting studies and analyses, gathering information, and developing and disseminating model policies and procedures, information, approaches, strategies, findings, conclusions, and recommendations;
 - k. supporting and conducting demonstrations of new approaches to services and supports -

- (i) In general -The Council may support and conduct, on a time-limited basis, activities to demonstrate new approaches to serving individuals with developmental disabilities that are a part of an overall strategy for systemic change. The strategy may involve the education of policymakers and the public about how to deliver effectively, to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, services, supports, and assistance that contribute to the achievement of the purpose of the Act.
 - (ii) Sources of funding -The Council may support and conduct demonstration activities through sources of funding other than funding provided under the Act, and by assisting entities conducting demonstration activities to develop strategies for securing funding from other sources.
1. supporting and conducting other advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities to promote the development of a coordinated, consumer- and family-centered and directed comprehensive system of community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that contribute to the achievement of the purpose of the Act.
 3. Membership of the Council shall be as set forth in the Act. Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at her pleasure and in accordance with By-laws established by the Council assuring full and active participation and abidance with term limits. All appointments previously made by the Governor are hereby expressly confirmed.
 4. All lawful actions heretofore taken by the Council under the Act are hereby ratified.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers, Concord, New Hampshire, this 13th day of August, two thousand and one.


Governor of New Hampshire